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REMARKS**Present Status of the Application**

The Office Action rejected all presently-pending claims 1-20. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement of claims 1-20 to the following patentably distinct Species of the claimed invention:

Species	Corresponding Claims	Figures
1	1-7	3A, 3B, 6A, 6B and 8
2	8-10	3A, 3B, 4, 5A, 5B and 6B
3	11-13	7
4	14-16	3A, 3B, 4, 5A, 5B, 6A, 6B, 8, 9A and 9B
5	17-19	8
6	20	9A and 9B

According to the Office Action, claims 1-20 are drawn to six Species with their corresponding drawings respectively. According to the Office Action, the six Species of inventions are distinct and a restriction to one of six inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121.

Response to Restriction Requirement

Applicants provisionally elect Species 4 with traverse according to the following remarks. Claims 14-16 corresponding to Species 4 are provisionally elected to be examined in the application. Applicants also reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of the non-elected claims in a divisional application if Applicants so choose.

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According to the claimed subject matters and the restriction requirement listed above of the application, it is clearly that the independent claim 14 is a generic claim of the invention. Therefore, the Applicants elect Species with independent claim 14 as a generic claim, and add new claims 21-30 according to the original claims 1-7 (Species 1), 8-10 (Species 2), 17-19 (Species 5) and 20 (Species 6).

Claims 21-25 are added according to claims 1-7, wherein claim 21 is corresponding to independent claim 1 since the method disclosed in claim 1 includes further and definite steps of the method of claim 14, and claim 14 includes Figures 3A, 3B, 6A, 6B and 8 corresponding to claim 1.

Claim 26 are added according to claims 8-10, wherein claim 26 is corresponding to independent claim 8 since the method disclosed in claim 8 includes further and definite steps of the method of claim 14, and claim 14 includes Figures 3A, 3B, 4, 5A, 5B and 6B corresponding to claim 8.

Claims 27-29 are added according to claims 17-19, wherein claim 27 is corresponding to independent claim 17 since the method disclosed in claim 17 includes further and definite steps of the method of claim 14, and claim 14 includes Figure 8 corresponding to claim 17.

Claim 30 is added according to claim 20, wherein claim 30 is corresponding to independent claim 20 since the method disclosed in claim 20 includes further and definite steps of the method of claim 14, and claim 14 includes Figures 9A and 9B corresponding to claim 20.

Therefore, the claim 14 is a generic claim of the application, and new claims 21-30 are added according to the original the original claims 1-7 (Species 1), 8-10 (Species 2), 17-19 (Species 5) and 20 (Species 6). Reconsideration and allowance of the application and presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

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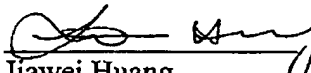
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and reexamination of claims 14-16 as amended herein, and submit that these claims are in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would expedite the examination of the above-identified patent application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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